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YA apprenticeship campaign a success two years running



EXCLUSIVE

By Charles Thomson

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MORE THAN 100 youngsters have been hired as apprentices, thanks to a *Yellow Advertiser* campaign.

Apprenticeship company LifeSkills revealed the YA's 100 Apprentices in 100 Days campaign had secured work for 102 local teens.

The campaign – now in its second year – created a further 38 new positions, still waiting to be filled.

It was backed by Basildon, Castle Point and Southend councils.

LifeSkills operations director Leon Bernasconi said: "It is great to see that together with the *Yellow Advertiser* and support from local councils we have had another successful year."

"We have had so many calls from young people responding to the challenge that we have signposted to other colleges and providers where we could not help with the vocations they wanted."

"I would like to thank all the employers that have come on board and given someone a chance to contribute to their business."

Colin Riley and Bill Sharp, Tory leader and deputy leader of Castle Point Council, successfully lobbied officers to create four apprenticeship roles as part of the campaign – the first the council has offered.



Cllr Bill Sharp, Leon Bernasconi (Life Skills Director), Mick Ferris (YA Editor), Cllr Phil Turner (leader Basildon Council) and Cllr Colin Riley with what is on the table for apprentices

Photo by Mark Cleveland

the YA's "excellent work" on the campaign and described the result as "absolutely brilliant".

He said the campaign tallied with the council's commitment to promoting apprenticeships.

He said: "Together with our partners in Basildon, we have put a tremendous effort into delivering more apprenticeships for our community."

"Our initiative is working and the benefits and payback will be to provide residents with opportunity and prosperity that will help them, as well as driving Basildon to be the economic engine room of Essex, if not the whole south east of England."

YA editor Mick Ferris said: "I am sincerely proud to say that since last year almost 250 local youngsters have been hired as a direct result of *Yellow Advertiser* campaigns."

"We are a community newspaper and I am delighted that we have been able to spearhead such a beneficial scheme, cutting youth unemployment and boosting the local economy."

"I am pleased we have been able to work so effectively with three large councils, and I thank them all for their help. I also thank LifeSkills, who approached us last year for help in boosting their numbers, resulting in the creation of this campaign."

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LOOK forward to the New Year with new workshops, new crafts and new designs at the Creative Crafts Show in January.

The event, which runs from Thursday to Saturday, January 22 to 24, 2015, at Sandown Park Exhibition Centre, Esher, Surrey, offers the perfect chance for anyone to try something new for 2015.

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Renowned sugarcraft expert and author Ann Pickard will be at the Creative Crafts Show in



Surrey for the first time this year, hosting five sugarcraft Make and Take sessions every day.

AbbieAnne Patchwork will be using her new Daisy Shadow design in FreeFlo Shadow Applique workshops, while Tracy Quinn Glass Sun Catchers will be offering a great introduction to stained glass copper foiling with her new heart design.

Try arm knitting, a fun and easy way to knit without needles; enjoy a Knitting Surgery with Fiona Morris offering help and advice on reading patterns and techniques, or take along your unfinished project for her help; create a beach hut postcard with acrylic paints on hand painted fabric at Anne

Moore's Make and Take session; or make a merino mobile phone case with FLEWS Group.

For further information about the event, which offers plenty of free parking, a free shuttle bus from Esher station, and free admission for accompanied under 16s as well as accompanying carers, visit www.sccshows.co.uk

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SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT: A computer-generated image of part of the complex. Right, Alan Richards, Southend Council's group manager for asset management, council leader Cllr Ron Woodley, centre, with Tim Deacon, development director for Turnstone Estates at the car park site



Scheme offers 'once in a generation opportunity'

By Paul Giles

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PLANS to develop a £50million leisure and residential complex at Seaway car park have been sealed by Southend Council.

The council has announced a deal with Turnstone Estates that will create 450 new jobs in the borough. The proposals will see land near the seafront at Lucy Road turned into a 10-screen cinema, 11 restaurants and 99 apartments.

An additional 480-space multistorey car park is also planned to replace the current 453 spaces at the site.

Turnstone Estates has pre-let the first three units to The Restaurant Group, which operates the Coast to Coast, Frankie & Benny's and Chiquito restaurants.

The cinema operator is due to be named shortly. The leisure scheme will cover a total of 136,000 square feet.

Also included in the plans are the site of the former Rossi Ice Cream Factory and 29 Herbert Grove, which was purchased by the council in 2008 to enable future regeneration, in a deal funded by the Homes and Communities Agency which supported the proposed development.

Public consultation on the proposed development will begin in the spring of next year.

Subject to planning permission, Turnstone Estates hopes to start work in late 2015.

Leader of the council Ron Woodley said he was delighted to announce the latest stage in the development of the scheme.

Mr Woodley said: "The job creation and private sector investment in this regeneration scheme are significant and provide a once in a generation

opportunity to bring real change to this part of the town and to increase the year round leisure offer for residents and for the six million plus visitors to the town.

"We are looking forward to taking this exciting scheme forwards with Turnstone Estates."

Tim Deacon, Turnstone Estates director, said the scheme will finally deliver a cinema and restaurant destination that has been lacking from the town for many years.

Mr Deacon said: "The site is a strong location, close to the seafront and the Royals Shopping Centre, and we believe our proposals will enhance the area, as well as safeguarding local parking provisions.

"We are looking forward to working with the council, local residents, seafront traders, St John's Church and other stakeholders over the coming months."

NEWS IN BRIEF

● AN art auction organised by a day care patient at Havens Hospice has raised almost £1,500 for the charity.

Cindy March, 40, from Rochford, has been attending day care at Fair Havens,

Westcliff, since September, after being diagnosed with terminal cancer in March this year.

A former art teacher at Chase High School and Futures Community College, Cindy held an art exhibition at TAP in Leigh last month to raise money for the charity and last week

auctioned off the work and raised £1,470.

● VOLUNTEERS who give up their time to care for young people have been honoured at a special event.

About 60 volunteers attended celebrations of their work at

Southend Civic Centre, hosted by mayor councillor Chris Walker.

Councillor Anne Jones said the event last Thursday provided the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the contribution volunteers make to young people in the community.

Southend churches – night shelters

"Essex Action" – as heard on Chelmsford Radio – with Volunteer Centres Essex

In Southend, churches have joined forces with Harp and the council to help rough sleepers over the winter months.

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Store managers are still on hand to take donations from members of the community.

Marketing executive Adele Hagon said: "It was great festive fun to wear our Xmas jumpers in store for a great cause."

"We have raised £50 so far and we are still collecting for the Save the Children charity."

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT: One of the crochet pieces The Craft Club created near Leigh Railway Station

Photo by Mark Cleveland



Craft Club wins stamp of approval

FESTIVE spirit is being spread by a craft club at train stations in Southend.

The Craft Club, made up of four people who work at Appleton School, Benfleet, has been placing charming winter scenes on post boxes.

Members hope their crocheted creations will cheer up commuters on their way to and from work.

Rebecca Burton, 34, who works as a pastoral

co-ordinator at the school said they only started to crochet in July.

She said: "We decided to have a go at doing the Christmas-themed pieces. We thought we should use post boxes near stations due to the footfall of commuters. We started making them back in October so a lot of work has gone into them."

"People have sent us messages and have given us some really good feedback about the pieces."



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Good deeds or cheap publicity?

THERE must be a general election coming.

Cllr Gavin Callaghan performs yet another cheap publicity stunt – this time his alleged sleeping out for the homeless fundraiser.

The other participants of this are regulars and do not feel the need to trumpet it.

I noticed his trusty Gaymobile parked nearby on the night in question. The swish London taxi with his mugshot plastered on the side. A rather expensive way to promote one's parliamentary aspirations.

I'm sure a lot of folk would like to know how it is being funded. But perhaps dear Gav might allow some homeless people to take shelter in it. Surely that would be a more practical use. As I'm sure it would have been on the night of the sleep out.

But then let's look at Cllr Callaghan's other publicity stunts this year including trimming hedges and cleaning up the environment in Basildon.

However, when I visited the Felmores area a day or so after, there was still much evidence of dumped rubbish and untidy hedges.

And let's not forget the YouTube video of Cllr Callaghan pouring a bucket of water over himself to represent the ice bucket challenge. Not an

ice cube in sight. And I thought the ice bucket challenge had to be done in conjunction with others. You need someone to pour it over you and you need witnesses. There appear to be none in this video.

Then there was the much self-publicised trolley dash that never happened – in a Tesco supermarket. However, ironically, the mayor did one the same day.

I say ironically because Cllr Callaghan is fond of challenging the mayor with regard to her charities and causes but is often seen hijacking them himself.

The homeless sleep out is something the mayor has been involved for years. Other councillors have also trimmed back hedges and performed beyond the call of duty helpful tasks for residents, but they don't all have newspaper photographers on hand when they do it.

And what of Cllr Callaghan's vow to run the London Marathon? The mayor publicly stated in the last full council meeting that she would be prepared to sponsor him – despite all the withering comments he has made about her in public and on social networking sites.

Cllr Callaghan ungallantly responded by dictating to the mayor that the minimum sum should be £500.

Really? I should have thought a charity would be grateful for any amount of money.

What is needed now is for Cllr Callaghan to stop using local charities as a vehicle for his election campaign and also in an attempt to upstage the mayor – of whom he is fond of

criticising – and instead apply himself to quietly working for the residents of Pitsea northwest, and doing the mundane everyday tasks that are required of him instead of trumpeting his efforts in the local press, posing for photographs and spending a disproportionate amount of time on his Twitter account putting down the efforts of councillors from other parties.

If he is to represent Basildon and Billericay in a general election he needs to grow up.

There are thousands of ordinary people who do things for charity everyday and others on a regular basis. We just get on with it and we certainly don't use it for self-aggrandisement or vote catching.

Kim Gandy
Rayleigh

Less power for county

IT would appear that devolution is a good thing if England gets to decide on English matters and these decisions are not made by non-English MPs.

Devolving powers to Essex County Council (ECC), however, would be in my opinion a bad thing. ECC has very poor track record on decision-making.

It has been led by a criminal, allowed our roads to get into a poor state, run poorly planned road schemes like Sadlers Farm (will the cones ever go) and it has plunged us into dangerous darkness during the night.

In fact, I have been scratching my head to find something

good it has done.

I believe it should have fewer powers not more.

Alan James Hockley

We've got the measure

IT has come to our notice that a Mr David Johnson is emailing local councils across Britain accusing them of breaking the law using traditional measurements, such as rods and poles to describe gardening allotments.

More than 150 councils have been contacted so far and Mr Johnson does not disclose that he is not a local resident.

These emails commence under the Freedom of Information Act, asking for allotment prices, but then switch context and use deadlines under the FOI Act to force a change to metric units.

Some councils have removed rods and poles as a result of these emails. We want to assure councils and allotment holders that Mr Johnson is wrong. No legislation has been passed to outlaw traditional units for allotments. When drafting metric regulations in the mid-1990s, the Government exempted "transactions by specification", of which

allotment contracts are an example. Pods, poles, perches, yards and lugs have existed for hundreds of years in Britain and we hope that councils and allotment holders continue to use them for centuries to come.

John Gardner
Director

British Weights and Measures Association

Careless talk

I WAS appalled to hear Tory peer Baroness Jenkin say that "poor people used food banks because they don't know how to cook".

Thanks to the Tories the number of people using food banks has soared from 128,000 to 913,000 in just two years.

Apparently Baroness Jenkin mis-spoke.

In October, another Tory peer, Lord Freud, said disabled people in work "weren't worth the minimum wage". Apparently Lord Freud was thinking aloud.

A couple of years ago another Tory peer, Lord Young, resigned as David Cameron's business advisor when he pronounced that "the recession wasn't really that bad for most people".

I can't remember his excuse. Perhaps Lord Young was quoted out of context? Another

favourite. We are led to believe these privileged and educated people either didn't mean what they said or were misunderstood by us, the great unwashed. I think it could be worse than that. Maybe they meant what they said?

Perhaps the Tories are even more heartless and out of touch than I thought?

David Bodimeade
Rayleigh

Shops not just for Xmas

WITH the season of goodwill approaching, Castle Point Council is to be thanked for its magnanimous gesture of freeing up the shopping car parks for a few days. But Cllr Tom Skipp's crass remark that it is intended to try and make things a little bit better for the traders over Christmas, just beggars belief. Surely, if the council recognises that local shopkeepers need to have things better at Christmas, why not the whole year. A shop and a shopkeeper are not just for Christmas, as the saying goes.

Brian Wilson
Benfleet

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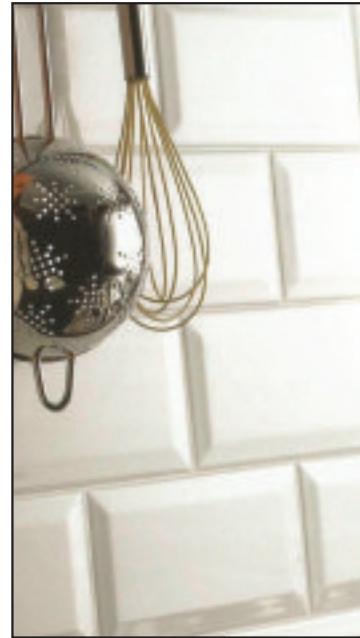


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Two in running for lucrative waste contract

TWO experienced waste management companies are competing for a 16-year multimillion pound contract to provide recycling, waste collection and street cleaning services in Southend.

Following a legal, financial and technical evaluations of tender submissions, Veolia and Sita have been invited by Southend Council to the third and final stage of the procurement process.

Leader of the council Ron Woodley explained that throughout the process the authority's aim has been to secure the company that can best serve the town.

He said: "We want a company that will continue and improve upon our recycling targets, deliver first class service to our residents and businesses, maintain an attractive street scene across the borough and provide the best possible value for council taxpayers' money."

"The process for selecting a service provider has progressed well and it's encouraging to be at the final stages of tendering with two very experienced companies in the running, who between them have more than 50 waste management contracts with local authorities."

"The vast majority of staff working for Cory will transfer to the new contractor, therefore protecting local employment."

Officers will now continue dialogue with these two companies to help them further develop their proposals, with final tenders due to be submitted in February 2015."

The current recycling, waste and street cleansing services contract expires in October 2015.

The new contract will integrate toilet cleaning, weed spraying and graffiti cleaning services which are currently provided under separate arrangements.

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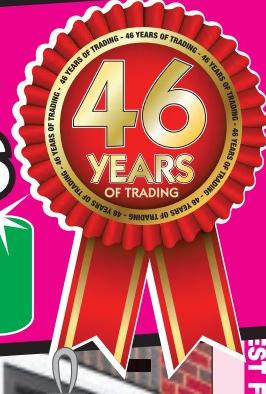
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Council to fly flag for revived Thames Gateway partnership

SOUTHEND Council is set to join a revived Thames Gateway South Essex Partnership (TGSEP) with Thurrock Council.

This is after Essex County Council revealed its intention to leave the group to focus on "Greater Essex".

Other South Essex authorities will be invited to continue being members with new arrangements in place from April 1 next year.

This will allow South Essex to continue pursuing its regeneration goals and submit funding bids to the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) which was set up in 2013.

Despite SELEP operating through South Essex, Kent, Medway and East Sussex, and the associated strategic plan being approved by Government, the county council wants to reduce the areas down to three with one Greater Essex area.

The approach is not supported by the SELEP board.

Southend Council leader Ron Woodley said he was disappointed with the county council's move to step away from the partnership.

Mr Woodley said: "Future funding from Government is intrinsically linked to SELEP and TGSEP has negotiated hard to ensure that South Essex remains as a represented geographical area."

"Along with Thurrock, we have no intention of allowing that important work over a number of years to go to waste by being subsumed into a Greater Essex region."

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MEMORIAL: Holocaust survivor Leslie Kleinman, pictured in 2011 at Great Baddow High School, near Chelmsford

Photo by Martin Dalton

Town to light special candle for survivors of Holocaust

SOUTHEND has been selected to host a significant ceremony for Holocaust Memorial Day.

The town is one of 70 locations across the country where 70 specially designed candles will be lit in memory of the 70th anniversary of the liberation of death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau on January 27, 1945.

A candle created by a world renowned artist will be lit at Southend Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, on Tuesday, January 27, as part of the borough's Holocaust Memorial Day Service.

Southend-based Holocaust survivor Leslie Kleinman will light the candle at the start of the service at 5.30pm to begin a moment of reflection honouring the survivors of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.

Mr Kleinman will give an address during the event which will include music, drama and poetry reading.

The service, one of Southend's series of commemoration activities, was chosen from hundreds of applications sent to the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, the charity responsible for the event.

Councillor for enterprise, tourism and economic development, Graham Longley, said the day is an important focal point in the year and added he was delighted the authority had been selected on a nationwide basis.

Mr Longley said: "It is vital that we remember and reflect upon the horrors of the past, and honour those who survived."

The candles will also be lit at a national commemorative event in central London and at Auschwitz as part of international commemorations.

Olivia Marks-Woldham, chief executive of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, said the designer has created a beautiful candle to mark the 70th anniversary.

She said: "When all 70 of their candles are lit throughout the country, it will be a poignant moment of remembrance and a time for us all to ensure we keep the memory alive."

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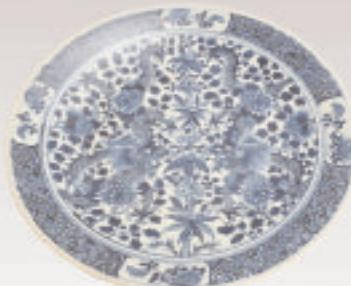
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"We want to ensure that everyone who is eligible to receive financial relief has an opportunity to do so."



GAME FOR A LAUGH: Christopher Biggins, the YA's Paul Giles and David Hasselhoff Photo by Martin Dalton

'Hoff the Hook' more than happy to play it for laughs

DAVID Hasselhoff who stars in the panto at the Cliffs Pavilion said he has been enjoying the peace and quiet of Southend before the show opens.

Better known as the Hoff, he says he has not explored the town too much yet, but is enjoying early morning runs along the beach.

Well known for his roles in Knight Rider, and Baywatch, he will be playing "Hoff the Hook" in this year's panto Peter Pan. He will be joined by the country's best known dame Christopher Biggins, who is playing Mrs Smee.

When the *Yellow Advertiser* spoke to the Hoff he had only been in town for a few days, but said he had settled in well.

He said: "I've found a really nice hotel up the road and they let me get on with my own thing. When I stay in London I get swarmed by people, but where I'm staying I think people know I'm there and let me get on with my own thing. It's great to get up in the morning and go for a run. Southend seems like a great town and I look forward to seeing more of it."

Speaking about the show he recalls those he was in back in America when he was younger where the audience was encouraged to throw food at the actors. "I just loved the audience participation and that relates to panto as well. Hook is definitely the best character to play. I love playing him because you can

make him act in different ways. You can make him really mean, or really afraid of the crocodile."

"The character can really play up to the audience too and make them really like him. I know how to get adults laughing, a few of the jokes we have had to cut back a little, but the adults will still understand them. But the main thing is getting the kids laughing, that's what I aim for."

Biggins, who has performed at the Cliffs Pavilion before, said he loved Southend and was hoping the fish and chip shops had not shut for winter.

He said: "It's also great to be back at the Cliffs it is a fantastic theatre and it has great audiences. Essex audiences really go for it in a big way."

He is grateful to be back at the venue as he could commute from his home in Hackney each day. Speaking about working with the Hoff, he said: "I only met David recently and he has a great sense of humour and is really very talented. My background is panto but Hoff's is a lot different to mine, so the panto will be really exciting."

"I think panto is a breeding ground for theatre, if they enjoy the panto they are more likely to go to the theatre during the year so it's a good thing."

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This year their production of Sleeping Beauty offers fun for all the family, with plenty of audience participation, laughter and all-round fun.

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Meet the outrageously funny Nurse Nelly, played by panto favourite Simon Jessop, who has plenty of experience in the business having played the dame at the Queens' in previous productions such as Dick Whittington, Aladdin, Cinderella and Jack and the Beanstalk.

With original songs composed by the Queen's head of music, and outstanding scenery created on-site by the theatre's highly skilled carpentry workshop, scenic artists, prop-makers, the whole production is a glittering affair.

Sleeping Beauty at the Queen's Theatre is a production not to be missed, and definitely one for all the family, so make sure you get your tickets before it finishes on January 10.

For further information and tickets visit www.queens-theatre.co.uk.

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS: Thameside Theatre, Grays.

This festive season Polka Dot Pantomimes are producing 10 pantos across the country. As well as Peter Pan at the The Broadway, Barking, another of its productions not to be missed is Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the Thameside Theatre in Grays.

With television presenter Jeff Brazier in the role of Prince Charlie, and the phenomenal voices of Michelle Pentecost, who plays the Wicked Queen, and Juliette Dean, who plays Snow White, the production is playing to packed audiences.

Combine this with chart songs that get the audience's feet tapping, fantastic stage settings and hilarious comedy and mishaps, and it is well worth a visit.

The Twelve Days of Christmas song is hilarious with toilet rolls flying around the audience, a misplaced wig, and plenty of frantic stumbling over words, as Nurse Nelly, Herman and Muckles attempt to remember everything to make the Wicked Queen beautiful.

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Sleeping Beauty at Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch
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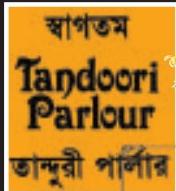
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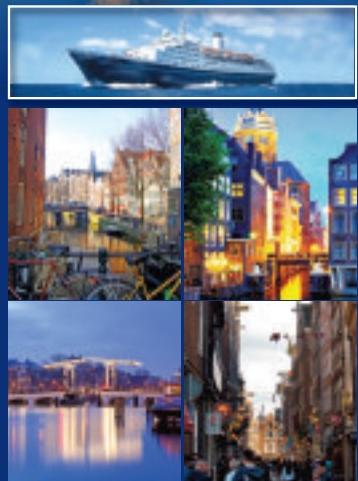
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Just plain dumb

**DUMB AND DUMBER TO
(15, 109 mins)**

THERE'S no shortage of dim-witted, foolhardy and empty-headed characters on the big screen.

Watch any horror film and at least one victim will venture into the dark to investigate a strange noise when common sense dictates you run in the opposite direction. Inspector Clouseau blundered through various investigations yet somehow always solved the case; A Clockwork Orange featured a droog called Dim and Kevin Kline won an Oscar as numbskull assassin Otto West in A Fish Called Wanda.

Forrest Gump, one of cinema's great innocents, famously remarked that "stupid is as stupid does" and using that barometer, Dumb And Dumber To takes the art of moronic tomfoolery to new depths.

From the eye-watering opening gag of a DIY catheter removal, Bobby and Peter Farrelly's mindless sequel to their hit 1994 comedy embraces every crude, lewd and inappropriate set-up imaginable in its relentless pursuit of cheap, grubby titters.



Jeff Daniels and Jim Carrey
PA Photo/Handout/Universal Pictures

If this is the future of comedy on film then the art form has flat-lined and I would strongly recommend for a Do Not Resuscitate order.

Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels reprise their roles as best pals Lloyd Christmas and Harry Dunne, who mix up their words ("That's all water under the fridge") and are blinkered to the perils of modern life.

They merrily take a shower under the waste water pipe from a nuclear power plant.

For two decades, Lloyd (Carrey) has been consigned to Baldy View Psychiatric Hospital, where Harry (Daniels) visits and helps nurses to wash, dress and feed the comatose patient.

Thankfully, Lloyd regains the few senses he possesses and supports Harry through his own medical emergency; an urgent kidney transplant.

Since Harry is adopted, there is no familial donor and the future seems bleak.

Out of the blue, Harry learns that he fathered a child in 1991 with old flame Fraida Felcher (Kathleen Turner).

"Do you know what this means? You have a grown

kid... with grown kidneys!" shrieks Lloyd.

The dim-witted duo track down the fruit of Harry's loins, Penny (Rachel Melvin), to her adopted parents; reclusive scientist Dr Pinchelow (Steve Tom) and his trophy wife (Laurie Holden).

Alas, Penny has already departed for a convention in El Paso to honour her father's ground-breaking work. So the simple-minded pals hit the road – and occasionally each other – in order to reunite Harry with his long-lost offspring and persuade her to give up her organ.

Dumb And Dumber To is a greater ordeal for us than it is for Harry and Lloyd, who are battered and bruised by misfortune.

The plot is nonsensical and includes pointless diversions including a brief reappearance of the Mutt Cutts dog van from the original picture.

Carrey and Daniels fling themselves into the fray with gusto, at the mercy of a script that lacks subtlety, sophistication or any discernible laughs.

**Released: December 19
Rating: 2/10**

Stage

Panto season swings into Christmas

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Panto Dame, Rob Stevens, brings a wealth of panto experience to the stage, having been in everything from Sleeping Beauty at the Carriageworks, Leeds, in which he played Nurse Katy Coughdrop, to Widow Twankey on board MV Bretagne.

For further information and tickets for Snow White, which remains at Thameside Theatre until January 4, visit www.thurrock.gov.uk/events/snow-white.

CINDERELLA: Towngate Theatre, Basildon.

Cinderella is a fun, energetic masterpiece that captures the spirit of pantomime while celebrating the community.

The Towngate Theatre welcomes back producer and director, Simon Fielding, following the success of Rapunzel last Christmas.

The CBBC and Nickelodeon presenter uses references to the borough to humour the audiences with the fairytale set in the village of Basildonia.

Having spent two years in Basildon, the producer does not hold back and takes humour in wooden shop

windows in Basildon town centre and anti-social behaviour in Pitsea.

Ugly step-sisters Nigella and Farage are the typical panto villains who encourage those 'oh no your nots'.

Cinderella is not as star-studded as a rival Southend panto, Peter Pan, which includes Baywatch star, David Hasselhoff and Christopher Biggins, but the talent is clear to see.

A lot of young people featuring in the show live in the Basildon area, one being eight-year-old Mimi Portway, who was selected ahead of hundreds for a part as a fox.

At one stage in the show, Cinderella uses a life-like flying horse as the horse for the carriage. The use of sound, lights and music helps to create the festive atmosphere.

Modern chart songs are used in the show including hits from Ed Sheeran and Bruno Mars while in some stages of the show, audiences are encouraged to dance.

Tickets for the show cost between £18.50 and £21.50 for adults and between £16.50 and £18 for over-60s and children under 16.

For more information visit www.towngatetheatre.co.uk

or call 01268 465465.

■ If you are looking for something different then head to Brentwood Theatre, which has produced a winner with its Christmas play, Roald Dahl's Danny Champion of the World.

The theatre always punches above its weight to put on imaginative productions in its limited space and this year is no exception.

The cast is superb with special honours to actors Lee White, who makes a truly evil villain out of Mr Hazell, Poi Matthews, who plays the much younger 12-year-old Danny with great skill, and Jackson Pentland as his dad.

There are moments of comedy as well as a few tear-jerkers and opportunities for children of all ages in the audience to have fun as Danny and his Dad battle Mr Hazell, get involved in poaching, 'kidnap' a load of pheasants and win over the villagers who help them defeat the baddies.

For further information about Danny Champion of the World, which runs until Saturday, January 3, call the box office on 01277 20030 or visit www.brentwood-theatre.co.uk.

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Saturday, December 20

■ The South East Essex Ramblers, walks weekly, visit <http://sites.google.com/site/southeastessexramblers> to find out when we are walking this week.
■ Counselling Service, The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346. enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

■ Transmission Meditation Workshop – Hellwell Room, Forum Library Southend 10-11.30am admission free.

■ Rayleigh History Walk, 3pm from Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane, off High Street. £2 pp, info: 01268 775328.
■ Yugioh Club, play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.

■ Dads and Kids Club, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for ages five to 17 with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.

■ Saturday Morning Club, St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am-noon, entertainment by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.

■ Brush Strokes Art Group, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.

■ Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.

■ Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).
■ Flamingo Fairs Vintage and more fair, The Churchill Room, Wanstead Library, corner of Woodbine Place and Spratt Hall Road, 11am-4pm. Free entry.

Sunday, December 21

■ Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Westcliff Hotel,

Westcliff, 1pm, 01702 345247.

■ Sunday School, Get on Board, no charge, The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am-noon, ages three to 10. 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
■ Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.

■ King's Church Southend at Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am-noon, 01702 523639.

■ Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourious and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am-noon. 01702 466435.

■ Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, ages three to 12, Bible stories, craft, singing, 10.45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 554904.

■ Mojo Friendship Club, Travellers Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, details Mo on 07757 658799.

Monday, December 22

■ Jazztet, Graham Hunter trumpet/Alex Boyle keyboard, Oakwood Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm, 01702 512819.

■ Echoes from Above – new spiritual centre based at the Ekco Sports and Social Club Thorntford Gardens, SS2 6PU. Different mediums, 7.15pm. £3.50, all profits to charity, wards at Southend Hospital. For more info visit FB page: Echoes from Above.

■ Monday beginners, one, dance class, usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.

■ Leigh Scrabble Club, 7-10pm. All standards welcome. Welsley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.

■ George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over-50s, Craft: 10am-noon; tai chi: whilst 9.45-12.30, 10am-noon; art: 12.30-2.30pm; choir: 2.30-4pm; indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2, 01268 465854.

■ Citizens Club, Benfleet's No 1 Club, Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm, entertainment, all welcome.

■ Counselling Service, The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346. enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

■ Over-50s Keep-fit Classes, Fryerns Community Centre, details Pat 01268 70294.

■ Over-50s session, Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road. Badminton and table tennis 2-4pm. £3.50 inc refreshments and equipment.

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■ Duplicate Bridge, Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 7pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.

■ Duplicate Bridge, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), evenings 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.

■ Weekly Craft Workshop, St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfield, 6-8pm, details Michelle 07730 582784.

■ Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group, Mondays and Wednesdays 8-10pm, James Hornby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, details Jeff Levy 07913 426371 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk.

■ Zumba, Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10.00am. 01268 465432.

■ Beginners Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.

■ Club 60, Southend, activities every weekday, 9.30-4pm, tea bar, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 613562.

■ Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh, four mats, Monday and Wednesday evenings welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, please ring Kevin on 01268 792433.

■ Short Mat Bowls, Monday/Tuesday afternoons in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.

■ Indoor Short Mat Bowls, Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, two mats available, Monday to Friday, new players welcome, details Ray 01268 777666.

■ Indoor Bowls, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Mondays, 2-4pm, Tuesdays, 2.15-4.45pm, Wednesdays, 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

■ Whist, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am-noon, details 01268 465854.

■ Senior Citizens Club, Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, make friends, bingo, trips. 01268 293995.

■ Pensioners Stall, York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.

■ Evening of clairvoyance, Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, doors open 7.30pm, £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691922.

■ Healing, every Monday in Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSH healers, no charge, all donations to local hospice, call

07956 353564 for an appointment.

■ Development Healing Circle, Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, details 07879 004744.

■ Fitness Walking, from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, 7.15-8.15pm, details 01702 715509.

■ Scrabble Club, Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opposite police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3 inc tea/coffee, just turn up or call 01268 727915.

■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group, Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.

Tuesday, December 23

■ Counselling Service, The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346. enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

■ Yoga Class at Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6 beginners welcome, Please bring a blanket and your yoga mat. All ages welcome from 16-plus. 07961 314983.

■ Social Dance Class, with instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.

■ Table Tennis, 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.

■ Singles Friendship club for 55s and over, South Benfleet Social Club. Maureen 01268 692998.

■ Weekly Craft Group, Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge or booking required. Emma 01702 471873.

■ Social Dance, 1.45pm at St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin. Friendly Group, all welcome 01702 618771.

■ Evening of clairvoyance, St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.

■ Folk Music, The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tilston, 8pm. 01702 715111.

■ Tea Dance, Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm. 01702 584575.

■ Scrabble Club, Hockey Social Centre (at rear of library) 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, also second and fourth Saturday of each month 2-5pm. All ages welcome, 01702 205910.

■ Tuesdays Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/525141/340617.

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■ Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, £1, snack and drinks for all. 01268 498642.

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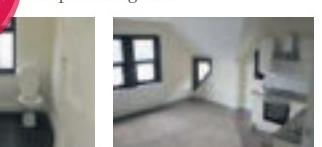


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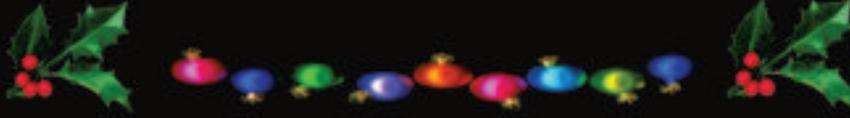
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WYCOMBE WALLOP BLUES

Southend United

Wycombe Wanderers 4
Southend United 1
Brian Jeeves reporting
from Adams Park.

FRUSTRATED Southend United manager Phil Brown sighted defensive frailties as his charges were hampered by league leaders Wycombe Wanderers at Adams Park

Southend arrived in good shape and off the back of four successive League Two victories. Nevertheless, with the Chairboys sitting at the top of the table, this was viewed as the Shrimpers toughest test to date, although the Buckinghamshire outfit had perhaps exposed a chink in their armour when slipping out of the FA Cup at the hands of AFC Wimbledon last week.

Thanks to the club subsidising travel to the game, Southend were roared on by a huge following of almost 1,100 fans, and within two minutes the Blues hordes were in raptures, Jack Payne supplying a composed finish to beat Wycombe goalkeeper Matt Ingram after Myles Weston had raced away and centred from the right.

Wycombe looked for an immediate response. Matt McClure drew a smart reflex save from Daniel Bentley while Peter Murphy went even closer when the ball broke, crashing an effort against the top of the bar from 25 yards.

The home side continued to press with greater intent, Pierre's knock down found Paris Cowan-Hall, and the winger brilliantly beat Bentley with an assured finish to restore parity.

The upbeat tempo of the game continued, however, on a difficult surface any kind of fluent football and further clear-cut chances came at a premium.



But on the stroke of half-time Blues were once again breached. Matt McClure was on hand to knock home after Sam Wood had driven in from the left.

Southend manager Brown threw Kevan Hurst and Gary Deegan into the fray at the start of the second-half in a bid to invigorate his team, and the move almost paid dividends when Hurst's dead-ball effort was scooped out by the glove of Ingram.

Blues continued to probe. Under pressure, Ingram fisted away testing flag kicks from Michael Timlin and Hurst, while Worrall's free-kick from a central position drifted disappointingly over.

Soon after, Worrall had Ingram scrambling low across his goal as Southend turned the screw, but then a flashpoint. Blues Crystal Palace loanee Jerome Binnom-Williams thundered into Josh Scowen and referee Graham Horwood had no hesitation in brandishing a red card to the Southend man.

Blues were clearly rattled by this turn of events and Wycombe sensed their opportunity. Bentley did well to thwart McClure, but the Southend keeper could do very little to stop the home side extending their advantage when Joe Jacobson's curling free-kick found the top corner of the net.

Southend looked a beaten side. Cowan-Hall had Bentley fully

extended as Wycombe went for the kill. But the home side didn't have to wait too long for a fourth. McClure adding his second of the afternoon with a thundering strike from just outside the box.

This was turning into an uncomforable afternoon for Southend.

Substitute Fred Onyedinma missed a glorious close range opportunity to add a fifth after Wycombe had crafted well down the right flank.

Ryan Leonard tried to give the scoreline a little more respectability for Southend, but his free-kick just cleared Ingram's goal. But in truth the Shrimpers didn't deserve anything from the encounter against a Wycombe side who had demonstrated just why they are in pole position.

A disappointed Brown said: "It was a great worked goal, Jack Payne got himself on the scoresheet, then after that we didn't play. We didn't get the ball down, we didn't seem to settle as a team."

"To be fair Dan Bentley has had to pull a great save off before they've got the equalizer."

"Today was about set pieces which is very uncharacteristic of us, we've conceded three goals from them."

He added: "I'm not going to bemoan referee's decisions, sendings off, but at 2-1 I still fancied our chances of taking something from the game."

UNDER SIEGE: Daniel Bentley in the Southend goal clears a Wycombe attack

Photo by Martin Dalton

On Binnom-Williams dismissal, Brown said: "I think it was probably the fact that the kid was fully committed. I'm not going to pull him away from that. It's not a red card in the game of football."

"Referees are overprotective of the game, shall we say. They're taking tackling out of it. Jerome has gone in there fully committed, the lad [Scowen] has stayed on the field of play, he wasn't injured."

"If he wants to give it for aggression then maybe a yellow card, but as far as I'm concerned I want commitment from my players and I got it."

Midfielder Payne said: "It was a dream start for us, but it didn't mean anything in the end."

"Obviously Wycombe are a good team, but we conceded soft goals, we weren't really at it all today."

Wycombe Wanderers: Matt Ingram, Sido Jombati, Joe Jacobson, Aaron Pierre, Alfie Mawson, Paris Cowan-Hall (Fred Onyedinma), Peter Murphy, Josh Scowen, Sam Wood (Danny Rowe), Paul Hayes (Aaron Holloway), Matt McClure. Subs not used: Barry Richardson, Stuart Lewis, Matt Bloomfield, Steven Craig.

Southend United: Daniel Bentley, Ryan Leonard, Cian Bolger, Luke Prosser, Jerome Binnom-Williams, David Worrall, Michael Timlin (John White), John-Joe O'Toole (Gary Deegan), Myles Weston (Kevan Hurst), Jack Payne, Barry Corr. Subs not used: Will Atkinson, Conor Clifford, Shaquille Coulthirst, Paul Smith.

Referee: Graham Horwood

Assistants: Graham Kane and Simon Knapp

Fourth Official: David Rock

Attendance: 4,123

Non-league round-up

Beach Boys hold Bees

by Brian Jeeves

TEN-MAN Concord Rangers produced a fantastic FA Trophy first round performance as Conference Premier League leaders Barnet escaped from the Aspect Arena with a goalless draw.

Beach Boys defender Danny Glozier received his marching orders following a professional foul at the start of the second-half. But the Canvey-based outfit more than held their own and earned a replay against a team currently ranked the best non-league side in England.

Braintree Town were also in Trophy action. A second-half Simeon Akinola strike earning the Iron a single-goal derby victory over AFC Sudbury.

In the Vanarama Conference South, there was a dramatic finish at the Melbourne Stadium where Chelmsford City piped Eastbourne Borough by the odd goal in five. Southend United loanee Jason Williams continued to shine for the Clarets, grabbing a brace including a last-minute winner, with Mark Hughes also on target. Sinclair and Pinney replied for Boro.

In the Ryman Premier Division East, Thurrock United were involved in an entertaining encounter at Wingate & Finchley. Connor Witherspoon, Reece Harris, Lewis Smith and Sam Higgins found the net for the Rocks in a 4-3 success. Canvey Island saw off Peacehaven & Telscombe 2-1 at the Prospects Stadium, Harrison Chatting and John Easterford on target for the Gulls, while there were draws for Billericay Town, 2-2 with Lewes at New Lodge, and AFC Hornchurch, 0-0 with Kingstonian at Bridge Avenue.

However, it wasn't such a good day for Grays Athletic who crashed 3-1 at Leatherhead.

In Division One North, Great Wakering Rovers pulled off a thrilling 5-3 win at Maldon & Tiptree. Liam Nash, Jay Nash, Billy Johnson (2) and player-manager Dan Trenkel were on target for the villagers, Nathan Korangten (2) and Alex Andrews responding for the Jammers.

Aaron Gayle grabbed the only goal as Heybridge Swifts won 1-0 at Chatham Town, and Redbridge picked up maximum points, beating Dereham Town 2-1.

Romford and Waltham Abbey played out a 1-1 draw, but the news from our other clubs was less encouraging.

Tilbury went down 3-2 at home to Harlow Town, Rimmel Daniel and Thomas Wood on target for the Dockers either side of the interval. Aveley were sunk 3-0 as Brightlingsea Regent were the visitors, and there was a 2-0 setback for Thurrock at Needham Market; Michael Brothers grabbing a pair for the winners.

Rock bottom Burnham Ramblers continued to struggle. This time the Mid-Essex outfit crashed 6-2 at Soham Town Rangers.

In the Essex Senior League, Waltham Forest were top scorers of the day, thrashing Sporting Bengal United 4-0.

Newham impressively won 3-1 at Enfield 1893 and it was the same outcome at Cricklefield Stadium, where FC Romania beat hosts Ilford.

Elsewhere Haringey Borough won 2-1 at Tower Hamlets.

Interesting clashes set up in Senior Cup quarter final draw

Football

DAGENHAM & Redbridge against Concord Rangers is one of the highlights of the Essex Senior Cup Quarter-Final draw which was announced last week.

With just one Fourth Round fixture outstanding there are seven teams definitely through from the Ryman League to the Sky Bet Football League.

The Daggers, who last lifted the trophy in 2001 and knocked out

The Millers recorded an impressive 3-2 victory over Chelmsford City last time around, while their neighbours secured an equally notable 4-1 success against Vanarama Conference outfit Braintree Town.

Billericay Town, the 2011 winners who beat Harlow Town 3-2, entertain one of only two sides remaining to have never reached the final, Brightlingsea Regent.

Ben Fryer from the BBC Essex Sports Team assisted with the draw by pulling the home teams from the

bag at the station's Chelmsford studios, with Essex County FA chief executive Phil Sammons responsible for the away clubs.

These quarter-finals are due to be completed on or before Saturday January 24.

Aveley vs Thurrock
Billericay Town vs Brightlingsea Regent
Dagenham & Redbridge vs Concord Rangers
Redbridge or Canvey Island vs AFC Hornchurch

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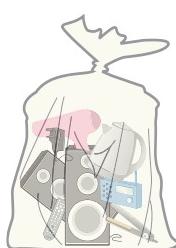
To help Southend residents recycle even more of their waste, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council in partnership with Cory Environmental can now collect small electrical items that are placed in carrier bags on a residents' normal recycling collection day.

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- 2 Tie up the carrier bag.



- 3 Place your carrier bag next to your pink recycling sack on your next and subsequent collection day.



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Don't forget if you are planning to visit the Household Waste Recycling Centres that any small electrical appliances can be recycled there at any time. Other materials can be recycled there if you visit: computer monitors, energy saving light bulbs and batteries.

Recycle your Christmas tree lights!

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Why not follow our recycling campaign on Facebook and Twitter? These pages have been set up to give residents of Southend-on-Sea the latest recycling information.



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Recycling made easy



Over the festive season there are often large quantities of items and packaging that can be recycled. To help you recycle even more, please see the guides below that explain what can be recycled.

Yes please – These materials can go in the pink sack

All containers and materials must be free from food waste and drink residue.

We cannot collect and recycle materials where food waste is present.

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- ✓ All plastic bottles
- ✓ Milk bottles
- ✓ Toiletry bottles
- ✓ Bottle lids (either on bottles or loose)
- ✓ Cling film, film wrap, plastic film
- ✓ Yoghurt pots
- ✓ Plastic trays
- ✓ Plastic bags (no biodegradable or degradable bags)
- ✓ Fruit punnets
- ✓ Bubble wrap
- ✓ Takeaway containers
- ✓ Margarine/ice cream tubs
- ✓ Cake/pastry trays
- ✓ Soup/sauce containers

All cartons (e.g. Tetra Pak)

Steel and aluminium (examples include):

- ✓ All drink cans & food tins
- ✓ Empty aerosol cans
- ✓ Cooking foil
- ✓ Metal jar lids
- ✓ All foil trays
- ✓ Sweet/biscuit tins



All paper and card (examples include):

- ✓ Newspapers and magazines
- ✓ Shredded paper
- ✓ Junk mail, leaflets and brochures
- ✓ Envelopes (including window)
- ✓ Catalogues & directories
- ✓ Toilet roll and kitchen roll tubes
- ✓ Greetings cards
- ✓ Wrapping paper
- ✓ Paperback books
- ✓ Cardboard packaging (large boxes should be flattened and left next to the pink sacks)
- ✓ Ready meal sleeves
- ✓ Cereal boxes
- ✓ Cardboard egg boxes

All glass bottles and jars

For any broken glass bottles or jars please wrap in thick newspaper or put in a cardboard box before placing in the pink sack

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- ✗ Pet bedding and faeces and cat litter
- ✗ Sanitary waste (such as nappies)
- ✗ Kitchen roll, tissues and wipes
- ✗ Hard plastics (e.g. flower pots, toys, buckets, piping)
- ✗ Video and tape cassettes
- ✗ Dual materials (such as Pringles packs)
- ✗ Light bulbs (wrap in newspaper before disposing) – Energy saving bulbs can be recycled at Recycling Centres



Please use your blue food waste bin for all cooked or uncooked food waste. Examples include:

- ✓ Fruit peelings
- ✓ Vegetable peelings
- ✓ Bones
- ✓ Coffee grounds
- ✓ Cheese
- ✓ Meat
- ✓ Bread and pastries
- ✓ Tea bags
- ✓ Plate scrapings
- ✓ Fish
- ✓ Egg shells



Need more liners?

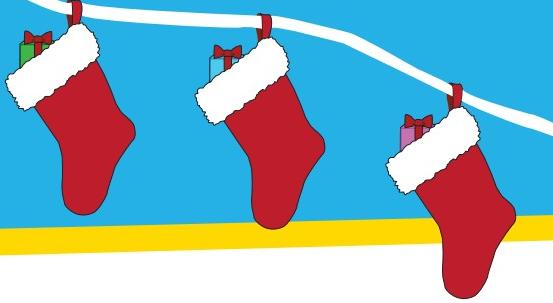
Please place the special hanger on your collection bin and a roll will be delivered and your hanger returned.

If you live in a flat and have run out of compostable liners, you will need to visit www.southend.gov.uk/recyclinginflats or call (01702) 215006 to request additional liners.

For more information about the blue food waste bin scheme, to report a missed collection or to order a new blue bin visit www.southend.gov.uk/recycling



Services over Christmas



Revised Recycling and Waste Collection Dates

Please refer to the table below to identify your revised collection dates.

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Thursday 25th December	Saturday 27th December
Friday 26th December	Monday 29th December
Monday 29th December	Tuesday 30th December
Tuesday 30th December	Wednesday 31st December
Wednesday 31st December	Friday 2nd January 2015
Thursday 1st January 2015	Saturday 3rd January 2015
Friday 2nd January 2015	Monday 5th January 2015
Monday 5th January 2015	Tuesday 6th January 2015
Tuesday 6th January 2015	Wednesday 7th January 2015
Wednesday 7th January 2015	Thursday 8th January 2015
Thursday 8th January 2015	Friday 9th January 2015
Friday 9th January 2015	Saturday 10th January 2015

Please ensure all sacks or bins are available for collection from 7.00am, in a visible location at the front boundary of your property. Please do not place on the public footpath, highway or verge. For more information about recycling, visit www.southend.gov.uk/recycling or call Southend-on-Sea Borough Council on (01702) 215006.



Recycle your real Christmas tree this year!

Once the festive season is over, you may wonder what to do with your real Christmas tree. If this is the case, then why not take up the chance for Cory Environmental to collect it, **free of charge?** All you have to do is simply place your **real Christmas tree** at the front boundary of your property, in a visible position, ensuring all decorations and pots have been removed.

Household Waste Recycling Centres

Opening Hours over the Christmas and New Year Period

	Stock Road	Leigh Marshes
Monday 22nd December	9.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday 23rd December	9.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm
Wednesday 24th December	9.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm
Thursday 25th December	CLOSED	CLOSED
Friday 26th December	CLOSED	CLOSED
Saturday 27th December	8.00am - 4.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday 28th December	8.00am - 4.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm
Monday 29th December	9.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday 30th December	9.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm
Wednesday 31st December	9.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm
Thursday 1st January 2015	CLOSED	CLOSED
Friday 2nd January 2015	9.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm
Saturday 3rd January 2015	8.00am - 4.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday 4th January 2015	8.00am - 4.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm

From the 5th January 2015, normal opening hours will resume. Please visit www.southend.gov.uk for a list of HWRC opening times.



Cory Environmental will then collect the tree within **ten working days** and arrange for it to be composted. If the tree hasn't been collected after this period, please contact Southend-on-Sea Borough Council on (01702) 215006, so that a collection can be arranged.

You can also take your **real Christmas tree(s)** to both of the Household Waste Recycling Centres and place it in the green waste container, where it will also be sent for composting.